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Garbage Woes

Indefinite strike begins

Mysuru, Dec.14 (MTY&BCT)- Intensifying their protest against Excel Solid Waste Management Plant or Sewage Farm at Vidyaranyapuram, over 500 residents of Vidyaranyapuram, J.P. Nagar, Kanakagiri, Gundu Rao Nagar, Vishveshwaranagar and surrounding areas, led by former Minister S.A. Ramdas, began indefinite strike this morning.

As part of the protest, over 15 trucks transporting garbage to the Treatment Plant were stopped as early as 5 am today. Almost all the protesters were wearing masks to avoid stench. Tight Police security was provided by K.R. Police led by Assistant Commissioner Dharmappa and four Inspectors.

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Mysuru, Thursday 14th December 2017

Unlawful law-makers

As the nation launched itself on the new-found onerous task of ruling on democratic lines, the top brass in the fledging government at the Centre sought advice of a British expert in administration by name Appleby. Call it irony or whatever, the expert advice had to be sought from the British colonialists who, having ruled the land for 150 years, were *forced* close shop. Moderates may not consider the event to be treated as a joke played by the then honchos in the government on the people of India, lakhs of them taking part in the freedom movement, a large section of that mass sacrificing everything in their life. After a few terms of ruling the nation by the dominating political party, India was touted as the best administered country in the world, with the rider *"only on paper."* As years have passed, one is not obliged to accept even that qualified remark about administration in the country.

The nation, as one looks back, seems to have coasted along smoothly in the initial stages following freedom, mainly because the men (and women) at the top in the government as well as the opposition wore the badge of aura and eminence in various fields, including Statesmanship and also academics. As their influence witnessed a steady decline, we have reached where we have reached in present times.

The senior citizens of the land, particularly the fast-disappearing sections in their late eighties, can be heard bemoaning in the rapid fall in what many public speakers are fascinated to call *values of life,* as they followed in their life-time — in short, moral degradation of those who hold high posts in the government, specially the elected representatives of people to democratic bodies in the range of Panchayat to Parliament. The Constitution of the nation provides for any citizen to get to that top irrespective of the required credentials, and that has proved the bane as events over years bear testimony.

In the absence of well-defined credentials for those who are part of the government machinery, the nation, as reported in the media, hosts a large number of MPs and members of legislatures facing criminal cases. The only factor in their favour is the cardinal principle namely, no one is guilty until proved. There are, as yet, no signs of matters changing for the better.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

BENGAL'S SWEET SPOT: *After being conferred with the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for "Banglar rasogolla," sweet traders in West Bengal are planning to organise a "Rasogolla Utsab" in the State. The traders also want November 14 — the day on which the GI Registry under the Ministry of Commerce and Industries announced that "rasogolla" originated from West Bengal — to be declared "Rasogolla Day." Though the date and venue for the utsab is yet to be finalised, State Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has reportedly given the sweet traders body an informal go-ahead to organise the "festival." Different kinds of rasogollas will be displayed during the festival; a special camp on the history of rasogolla will be organised. Live demonstrations on preparing "Bengali rasogolla at home" will also be part of the event.* — *In Business Standard.*

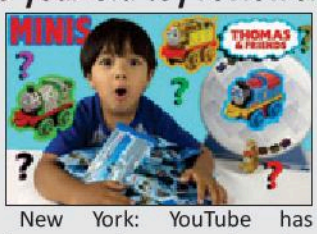
NEWS SPARKLERS

Unstoppable fire!

Jharkhand: One of India's largest coal reserves, the Jharia coalfield, situated in the Dhanbad district of Jharkhand, is the site of one of the longest-burning fires in the world. The area has been burning continuously for over 100 years.

Mining in the Jharia coalfields, covers over 100 sqms, began in the late 1800s, under British rule. The first detected fire broke out in 1916. Unfortunately, a new mining operation in 1973 smothered that hope. That year, Bharat Coking Coal Ltd (BCCL), a subsidiary of State-owned Coal India, started a large-scale opencast mining operation as a rapid and more cost-effective method of extraction. The ground of the galleries is always full of small pieces of coal, and that catches fire. The flow of oxygen into the mining shafts fed the smoldering embers until they became massive flames. Experts estimate that over 37 million tons of coal, have been lost to the uncontrolled blazes. Unfortunately, the Jharia coal fire is only one of the thousands burning worldwide on every continent other than Antarctica.

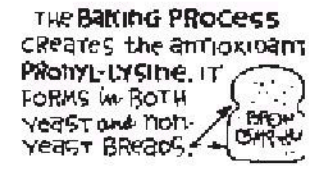
6-year-old toy reviewer



New York: YouTube has become the new breeding ground for celebrities. We've got fitness gurus, product pushers, comedians, gossip peddlers, gamers, you name it. Some of these people make quite a lot of money, but one of them is worthy of special attention because he happens to be a six-year-old boy. His name is Ryan and he has earned an eye-popping $11 million this year by doing something all kids love: playing with toys. The difference is that Ryan works (sort of) for his money by reviewing the toys on his channel, "Ryan Toys Review." The start of it all was actually quite unremarkable: the first video was posted in March 2015 by Ryan's parents and showed him unboxing a Lego Duplo train set, arranging the blocks, and playing with them. But the videos got better as time went by and, nowadays, the channel has over 10 million subscribers and legions of adoring little fans all over the world. Maintaining the channel has now become a full-time job for Ryan's mother, who used to teach chemistry to high school students. The parents say they will stop making the videos if Ryan gets fed up with it.

HEALTH CAPSULE
by Bron Smith

What's the healthiest part of a slice of bread?



The crust is by far the healthiest part of a slice of bread. A German study has revealed that bread contains a powerful cancer-fighting compound called pronyllysine that is 8 times more abundant in the crust than in the rest of the bread.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

II PUC exams from March 1

Bengaluru, Dec. 14 - The Department of Pre-University Education (DPUE) has announced the time-table for II PUC examination for the year 2018. The exam will begin on Mar. 1 and end on Mar.17, 2018.

This year the examinations will be held early compared to previous year as the Assembly polls are scheduled to be held in April - May.

All the exams will be held between 10.15 am and 1.30 pm.

Time-Table

Mar. 1 - Economics, Physics
Mar. 2 - Information and Technology, Retail, Automotive, Healthcare, Beauty Wellness
Mar. 3 - Psychology, Electronics, Computer Science
Mar. 5 - Business Studies, Biology
Mar. 6 - Urdu, Sanskrit
Mar. 7 - Political Science, Geology
Mar. 8 - Optional Kannada, Accountancy, Chemistry
Mar. 9 - Logic, Education, Home Science
Mar. 10 - History, Statistics
Mar. 12 - Sociology, Mathematics, Basic Maths
Mar. 13 - Geography, Karnatak Music, Hindustani Music
Mar. 14 - Kannada
Mar. 15 - Hindi
Mar. 16 - Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Marathi, Arabic, French
Mar. 17 - English

Two-day International Conference from Dec. 15

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (KS) - GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), KRS Road, in association with IEEE, Bengaluru Section, has organised a two-day International Conference on 'Electrical, Electronics, Communication, Computer and Optimization Techniques' on Dec. 15 and 16 at its premises here. Former Vice-Chancellor of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, Dr. K. Balaveera Reddy will inaugurate the conference tomorrow at 9.30 pm. Dr. Chin Kuan Ho, Dean, Faculty of Computing and Informatics, Multimedia University, Malaysia, will be the guest of honour.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Check vehicles for all violations

Sir,

In spite of continuous monitoring by the Traffic Police to inculcate some sort of discipline to the undisciplined road-users, we still find a lot of blatant traffic rule violations — one violation being the registration number plate of the vehicles.

Based on the class of vehicles, the MV Act (Rule 50, 51 of MV Act, 1989) clearly stipulates the size of front and rear letters and numerals with the dimension and location of both the number plates.

This MV Act does not permit fancy lettering. The rule also states that other names, pictures and arts should not be displayed on the number plate.

But we find vehicles with fancy letters and numerals in different sizes which cannot be easily deciphered. And many two-wheelers ply with a blank number plate, without displaying the registration number of the vehicle.

When a vehicle without an easily readable number plate is involved in an accident, it will be difficult for the by-standers to note down the registration number of the accident causing vehicle and such riders will escape from the clutches of law.

Though we have all rules and regulations framed to inculcate traffic discipline, there is a visible lacuna in implementing the rules owing to the lackadaisical approach by the authorities concerned.

While on the customary blind check of helmet-less riders, Traffic Police need to check the vehicles for other violations also.

—K. Chandrahas
on e-mail

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UltraTech Awards Nite-2017 on Dec. 15

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (KS)- The Mysore Centre of the Association of Consulting Civil Engineers-India (ACCE-I) and UltraTech Cement Ltd. have jointly organised the annual 'Awards Nite' on Dec. 15 at Windflower Resorts in city at 6.30 pm. SP Ravi D. Channannavar will be the chief guest. Er. Vishnuvijay Mayya, Hon. Secretary of ACCE(I) and Er. C.H. Prakash, Treasurer of ACCE (I), will be the guests of honour. Er. S. Ratnavel, President, ACCE (I), will preside.

Er. Jayashankar Kentinkara, Zonal Head (South) and Er. Nagesh Puttaswamy, Regional Head, Bengaluru, UltraTech Cements Ltd. will be present.

Nominations were received from Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu and Hassan districts for Villa - Best in each district; Multistoried Building; Industrial Structure and Lifeline Structure- Best from all the five districts which have been selected by the jury comprising Structural Consultant, Concrete Technologist, Materials Expert, Architect and Builder.

Corrections and Clarifications

Prof. Shivalingaiah
KSOU VC

Dr. Chandrashekar
KSOU Registrar

In the news item titled ***"Vice-Chancellor hails order"*** published in yesterday's *SOM* on page-5, the photo of KSOU Registrar Dr. K.G. Chandrashekar was inadvertently published in place of **KSOU VC Prof. D. Shivalingaiah.** The correct pictures are published above. The error is regretted. **—Ed**

CGPA to celebrate Pensioners Day on Dec. 17

Mysuru, Dec. 14- The Central Government Pensioners Association (CGPA), Mysuru, will be celebrating Pensioners Day on Dec. 17 to commemorate the Supreme Court's landmark judgement in Nakara case on the "Right to Pension" on Dec.17, 1982.

On the occasion, senior members of the Association D. G. Sonde, Shantha Vijay, G. N. Sundareswara and K. Subba Krishna will be felicitated at Sadvidya Educational Institution at 10.30am.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Entries for 'Kala Sanchara Pravasa'

Karnataka Lalithakala Academy has organised a 'Kala Sanachara Pravasa' for BFA and MFA Graduates and professional Visual artists. The selected artists should submit 20 drawings and photographs before Jan 6, 2018 to Karnataka Lalithakala Academy, Kannada Bhavana, J.C. Road, Bengaluru. For application and details, log on to www.lalithakalakarnataka.org. The selected artists will be paid Rs. 25, 000. For further details call 080-22480297.

Senior Citizen ID card distribution

JSS Senior Citizens Helpline will be distributing Senior Citizen ID cards for people aged above 60 years. The card can be utilised to avail benefits of various government schemes and discounts. For details, visit JSS Senior Citizen Helpline, JSS Hospital or call toll-free number 1090 or 0821-2448138 or 2548253 between 9 am and 7 pm, according to a press release.

Coaching for IAF aspirants

Backward Classes Welfare Department has invited applications online from eligible bachelors from backward communities for free coaching with food and accommodation along with professional counselling for entry into Indian Air Force (IAF). Eligible candidates belonging to categories 1, 2A, 3A and 3B can apply online before Dec.15 by logging on to: www.backwardclasses.kar.nic.in. For details, call 080-65970004.

Seminar

JSS Institute of Speech and Hearing(JSSISH), Mysuru, as part of International Day of Persons with Disabilities has organised a day-long seminar on 'Law and Facilities available to Differently Abled' on Dec. 15 (tomorrow) at its premises on M.G. Road here. The seminar will be inaugurated at 9.30 am by District Disabled Welfare Officer N. Geetha. JSS Law College Chief Executive Prof. K.S. Suresh will be the guest of honour and Dr. R. Mahesh, Director I/C, Medical Education Division of JSS Mahavidyapeetha will preside, according to a press release.

Kite flying contest

As part of Suttur Jatra to be held from Jan. 13 to 18, a kite flying competition has been organised at Suttur on Jan. 16. The competition will be held under four categories - Primary School, High School, PUC and general public. There will be three prizes in each category. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548212/122 or Mob: 88849-32916 or 94482-12544, according to a press release.

HOOLIGANISM AT SIDDARTHANAGAR

Twist to case: Child's injury triggered assault

The glasses and lights of the Wagan 'R' car which was smashed by the accused, Jayasheelan and his friends, at Siddartha Nagar on Tuesday.

Mysuru, Dec.14 (RK&BCT)- The incident where three persons smashing the windshield, headlights and windows of a Wagon 'R' car at Siddartha Nagar on the Lalitha Mahal Palace Road near the Karanji Lake Signal even as there were five occupants inside the car has taken a new turn. It has now come to light that the main reason for the assault was an accident that injured a little girl.

According to the Police, on Tuesday (Dec.12) Supriya, wife of Jayasheelan, a resident of Jnana Marga in Siddartha Nagar was on her Honda Activa with her thee-year-old daughter Tanushree when a car (KA-09 N-4979) accidentally brushed her vehicle. Losing balance, Supriya fell on the road and Tanushree sustained injuries on her face and head.

Adarsh, who was driving the car, stopped his vehicle and took the injured child to Shanthaveri Gopalagowda Hospital and got her treatment. He even paid a bill of Rs. 3,500 and informed Jayasheelan, who came to the hospital, about the incident and gave his phone number and said that he has to leave the hospital to attend a family ceremony and would return in the evening.

After this, Adarsh left the place and reported the incident at Siddartha Nagar Traffic Police Station. Later in the evening, Supriya and Jayasheelan went to the same Police Station and lodged a complaint against Adarsh for rash driving. After lodging the complaint, Jayasheelan, however, took law into his own hands and damaged the car along with his friends in full public view — the video of which was uploaded on social media by some passersby.

While the group was attacking the vehicle smashing the glasses, there were five occupants inside that included Adarsh, two women and two children. The attackers pulled Adarsh out of the vehicle and beat him up too. Police said that Jayasheelan and his gang had lethal weapons that were used to damage the car.

The car is owned by one Vinod Kumar, a resident of Gayathripuram. Vinod, who had got married recently, had arranged for a *'Beegara Oota'* at the foot of Chamundi Hill and had handed over his Wagon 'R' car to his friend Adarsh to ferry relatives to the venue. Accordingly, Adarsh was transporting relatives and the vehicle collided with Supriya's scooter.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* yesterday, Vinod said that his friend Adarsh had admitted Supriya's daughter Tanushree at the hospital, paid medical expenses and had even promised Jayasheelan that he would come in the evening after attending the family ceremony.

"Despite this, Jayasheelan and his friends stopped the car near on Lalitha Mahal Road and smashed the glasses and lights as the occupants, including children, watched in horror. They had iron rods, longs and clubs and they were a group of 12 to 15 persons," he said.

Vinod Kumar said that though the women and children repeatedly pleaded to stop the attack, the group abused the occupants, hurling expletives. "I was not aware of the accident and was shocked after Adarsh narrated the incident. We later lodged a complaint with Nazarbad Police," he said.

Meanwhile, Jayasheela's family has requested the Police to arrest Adarsh for causing the accident and injuring Tanushree. DCP N. Vishunuvardhana said, a case had been registered against 12 persons, but the Police have arrested three persons so far.

GOONDA ACT

City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao said that the Police will book Jayasheelan and his friends under Goonda Act.

The Police have registered an FIR, booked them under 11 sections of the IPC including Section 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 143 (unlawful assembly), 147 (rioting), 341 (wrongful restraint), 148 (rioting, armed with deadly weapons), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 427 (mischief causing damage to the amount of fifty rupees and more), 352 (assault or criminal force otherwise than on grave provocation), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace), 506 (criminal intimidation) and 141 (show of criminal force, criminal trespass.

Nazarbad Police Inspector Shekhar said that though the accident where the child was injured triggered the incident, Jayasheelan and his friends took law into their own hands and displayed rowdy attitude. "The attack on the car and the abuse of women and children is not acceptable. So far we have arrested three persons and we are on the lookout for the rest of the accused," he said.

RIDING WITHOUT HELMET

Nazarbad Police have said that the day of the incident, Supriya was not wearing a helmet while riding her Honda Activa scooter with her daughter Tanushree.

Initial investigations have revealed that both Supriya and Adarsh who was driving the car had driving licences.

Laptop, degree, PG certificates stolen from house

Mysuru, Dec.14 (SPN&KS)- Miscreants, who entered a house at Loknayak Nagar here on Dec.2, have made away with a costly laptop, degree and Post Graduation (PG) certificates from the house. The theft took place at the house of one Raghava Ramakanth in the night when the residents of the house were sleeping.

Based on the complaint lodged by Raghava at Metagalli Police Station, the Police have registered a case and are investigating.

Gang assaults retired Railway employee

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (SPN&KS)- A retired Railway employee was assaulted by a gang over financial issues at Srirampura 2nd Stage.

The victim is Puttaraju, a resident of 10th Cross in Srirampura 2nd stage, those who assaulted him are Puttachennamma, Gunda, Ganesh and 10 others, residents of Jayanagar 3rd Cross. Among the assaulters, 47-year-old Ganesh has been arrested by the Police and has been remanded to judicial custody.

The incident: About four days ago, Puttachennamma and 10 others, who went to the house of Puttaraju, forced him to write the house which he had mortgaged in their name after taking the balance money.

Puttaraju replied in a high pitch that the matter had been resolved in the Court and told them that he would lodge a complaint with the Police if they force him again.

Irked by his reply, Puttachennamma, her son Gunda, and others allegedly assaulted Puttaraju besides issuing him a murder threat. The entire incident was captured by CCTV cameras installed near the house of Puttaraju.

P.A. Meghannavar is
new Mysuru Regional Commr.

Bengaluru, Dec. 14- The State Government has posted Senior IAS Officer P.A. Meghannavar as the Regional Commissioner (RC) of Mysuru Division with immediate effect. He was earlier serving as Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot. Meghannavar is among the nine IAS officers who were transferred by the State Government yesterday.

P.A. Meghannavar

Earlier, M.V. Jayanthi, who was transferred as Regional Commissioner, Bengaluru Division, held the additional charge as Mysuru RC.

Other officers, who were transferred are: Dr. Richard Vincent D'Souza - Managing Director, The Hutti Gold Mines Company Ltd, Bengaluru; Sushma Godbole - Joint Director (Administration), Directorate of Municipal Administration, Bengaluru; P.I. Sreevidya - Deputy Commissioner, Kodagu; Vinoth Priya - Special Deputy Commissioner-1, Bengaluru Urban District; K.G. Shantharam - Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot; Anirudh Sravan - Mission Director, National Rural Livelihood Mission, Bengaluru; Pommala Sunil Kumar - Joint Director (Reforms), Karnataka Municipal Data Society (also placed in concurrent charge of post of Secretary, RERA, Bengaluru); Annies Kanmani Joy - Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Tumakuru.

Ravi Belagere
granted interim bail

Bengaluru, Dec.14 - Kannada tabloid *'Hai Bengaluru'* editor Ravi Belagere, who was arrested by Bengaluru CCB Police on charges of hiring contract killers to eliminate his colleague Sunil Heggaravalli, was granted interim bail by a Bengaluru Sessions Court on Wednesday.

Ravi Belagere

The Court granted bail considering Belagere's poor health. The Sessions Court granted him bail with the conditions that he should not tamper with evidence or make attempts to influence witnesses and that he should appear whenever the investigating officer calls him. The conditions also include that he should not leave Bengaluru or the country and remain in contact with the Investigating Officer.

Belagere, who was arrested by CCB Police on Dec. 8, was remanded to judicial custody till Dec. 23.

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New President for Kodava Sahitya Academy

Bengaluru, Dec. 14- The State Government has appointed senior Congress leader Pemmanda K. Honnappa as the President of Kodava Sahitya Academy. Meanwhile, journalist Ithichanda Ramesh Uthappa, who was an aspirant of the top post, has been named as the Vice-President. The other members of the Academy include: Kedamullur Bekachanda Belliappa, Changulanda Sooraj, Thorera M. Muddaiah, Sullimada Bhavani Kaverappa, Ajjamada P. Kushalappa, Sharada, Mannakkamane Balakrishna, Hanchettira Manu Muddappa, H.T. Ganapathy, Ammanichanda Praveen Chengappa and Hanchettira Fancy Muthanna.

P.K. Honnappa

Horticulture seminar on Dec. 21

Mysuru, Dec. 14- Horticulture Department has organised a seminar on 'Precautionary steps to be taken during flowering of Mango Plant' on Dec. 21 at 10.30 am at Curzon Park here.

Those interested to participate should register their names with Senior Assistant Director (Horticulture). For details, contact Ph: 0821- 2430451 or Mob: 82174-39193.

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Decoding Mythology

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

Old Rishis, new Rishis

Hindus believe that knowledge ("veda" in Sanskrit) comes not from a human source, but from nature at large. This knowledge reveals itself to one who is clear in mind and pure of body. Such a person is called a rishi, which means 'one who can see what others overlook.' He transmits knowledge received through mantras or hymns. Historians, however, believe that rishis were poets (kavi), who composed the thousand-odd poems that make up the Rig Veda. People who transmitted this Vedic knowledge were called brahmins, the wisest of whom were often confused with rishis. As time passed, scholars (shastri), teachers (acharyas), mendicants (sadhu), hermits (sanyasi) and saints (sant) came to be identified as rishis. It is in later Puranic literature that they appear as supernatural beings, who travel between different realms of the cosmos, and have the power to even curse the Gods.

The rishi is typically visualised as a simple old man dressed in clothes made of tree bark living in the forest, eating roots and shoots, and spending his time exploring nature through rituals such as yagna, through the practice of yoga, which involves breath, mind and posture control, and through conversations with other rishis. A female rishi is called a rishika. They live simple lives, but have the power to curse the Gods, and conjure weapons.

Rishis are often classified into two categories: those who perform yagna and those who practice tapasya. Vishwamitra is a yagna-performing rishi who wants Ram to protect his hermitage while he is performing his ritual. Harishchandra interrupts his ritual and so is punished by being stripped of his kingship. Vishwamitra is also a tapasya-performing rishi, who loses touch with reality until termites build a hill around his body, until he is seduced by the damsel Menaka sent by the Gods who fear his austerities. The yagna-performing rishis can be called the old rishis, for the practice of tapasya emerges later in Hindu history. The former focussed on external fire, agni. The latter focussed on internal fire, tapasya.

The older yagna-performing rishis are seen as householders; the later tapasya-performing rishis are seen as hermits. In early texts, rishis were married. Agastya is married to Lopamudra. Atri is married to Anasuya. Vasishtha is married to Arundhati. In fact, there are stories in which ancestors appear in dreams of rishis and beg them to marry so that they can be reborn. Kardama marries Devahuti only so that he can father a child and repay his debt to his ancestors. Jamadagni asks for Renuka's hand in marriage.

Later, there are stories when rishis refuse to marry, and this alarms the Gods, who fear that they will acquire so much power that they will overthrow the Gods, by supporting asuras. And so, Indra sends damsels known as apsaras to enchant rishis away from their austerities, compelling them to marry. Kaushika, who wants to be a rishi, is distracted by apsara Menaka and they end up having a child called Shakuntala who is raised by another rishi called Kanva.

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Upgradation of stretch between Kalamandira and Mosque

A Design Engineer's Perspective

By V. N. Prasad
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With due respects to my learned friends who staged silent protests against straightening of the stretch between Kalamandira and the Mosque on Hunsur Road near Jaladarshini Guest House, I wish to make the following observations from a design engineer's perspective. Having practiced Road Engineering from 'Drawing Board' stage to 'Project Management', my focus is only on rectification of defects rather than merits and demerits of alternatives.

V.N. Prasad

In a recent conversation with *SOM* Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy, he observed thus: "Prasad, you are like a pontiff in saffron rendering your discourses through your articles in *SOM*. Sadly, no one bothers to take your views forward." Thinking citizens and non-thinkers of the government merely prefer to read the articles but do nothing. Therefore, I confine to 'case-specific' points and relevant circumstances. My contentions from the time I first observed this stretch as per road transportation engineering fundamentals were:

1. The stretch needs corrections. **2.** Branches of trees need trimming to enable tall-loaded trucks to pass safely. **3.** All the trees with dangerous inclination from ground level — towards the road — need to be uprooted as they are vulnerable to crashing during rains.

Decades passed. Accidents occurred. Injuries and deaths were reported. Interestingly, during 2005-2009, the Mysuru-Bantwal Road was undertaken for upgradation by State Highway Department — from two-lane 'Single Carriageway' to a four-lane, 'Dual Carriageway', and a median in between. **It would have been better to rectify the Kalamandira and Mosque stretch during upgradation works. Sadly, that did not happen. I wrote about this too but none amongst either thinking citizens or the government took cognisance of it, much less called me for any discussions.** I wish to invite the attention of the readers to the following points to substantiate the need for correction of the stretch, in clear terms.

• Geometric design considerations include design vehicles, design speed, sight distance, horizontal and vertical curves, super elevation, widening, gradient, approaches etc. Art of designing lies in balancing these factors for optimising 'safe disposal of traffic in quickest possible time.'

• This particular stretch has two serious deficiencies from East to West (Kalamandira to Paduvarahalli). **One:** Long straight stretch and a sharp curve. **Two:** Falling gradient along the sharp curvature.

• 'Long approach, Sharp Curve and Falling Gradient' are all ingredients of bad design and invitation to accidents. Town Planners' and Design Engineers those days failed to factor the above.

• A vehicle accelerating on the straight stretch (called 'Tangent' in road engineering) beyond a certain velocity is sucked into 'Centrifugal Force' and tends to skid away from the road.

• This exactly has been the phenomenon in this case wherein injuries and loss of lives are reported. It is attributable to the failure on the part of implementing agencies — the government — to provide safe design.

• When the volume of traffic is high, vehicle speed is well under control. But designs are based on critical conditions. **When traffic volume is low and the speed is high, not only drunken drivers and reckless racers but also normal drivers tend to accelerate on long tangents and lose control when they see a sharp curve suddenly on a down gradient.**

• If one were to apply engineering 'Jurisprudence' to the causes of accidents, injuries and loss of lives, the government would be in serious trouble. Compensations payable would be heavy.

• Safe disposal of traffic volumes in quickest possible time is the essence of road engineering.

• Road humps and metal barricades not only defeat the above purpose but also are undesirable for the following reasons.

• **ONE:** Road humps puddle up rainwater. Stagnant water on a bituminous surface encourages seepage. Water in bituminous layers will disintegrate the bitumen layers leaving dangerous potholes adjoining the toe of the hump. There are umpteen such cases all over the city.

• Also, the road surface immediately adjoining the road hump is highly vulnerable to abrasion. This is because of heavy vehicles going into high gears after crossing the humps. This is termed 'Traction' due to wheel loads. We may observe this condition at many places in city.

• **TWO:** Rumblers cause extreme discomfort to all vehicles. You will find them in plenty along the Ring Road. They also hold rainwater in multiple strips that will cause disintegration of bitumen underneath. Couples with young children on their two wheelers are the worst affected. They may trip while going over 8-10 Rumblers.

• 'Metal barriers' are the most unscientific and bizarre way of controlling traffic. Our Police scatter the barriers in utterly shocking patterns, bereft of any common sense. Heavy vehicles snaking through these barriers create a torsion effect on the surface of the road that will cause damages.

In conclusion, I contend that it takes decades to set right the wrongs committed by the government. The phenomenon called 'Trust Deficit' in civil society is on account of negligence of the government in fundamental aspects of road engineering. Unless the government wakes up doing the right thing the first time, such issues will continue to haunt the tax-payer.

SWR to hold Pension Adalat in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec.14 - South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, is holding Pension Adalat on Dec.15 in the Divisional Office premises here for redressal of the grievances of Railway pensioners and family pensioners.

Dr. Atul Gupta, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), South Western Railway, Mysuru will chair the Pension Adalat. Senior officials from Personnel and Accounts Department of Mysuru Division will be present to answer the queries, according to a press release from S.G. Yathish, PRO and Senior Divisional Commercial Manager.

Natl. Conference on 'Banking & Financial Markets'

Mysuru, Dec.14-JSS Centre for Management Studies, Department of Management Studies, JSS Science & Technology University, Mysuru, is organising a National Conference on 'Trends and Prospects in Banking and Financial Markets' on Dec. 15 and 16 at its premises in city.

Manjunath, General Manager Syndicate Bank, Bengaluru, will deliver the keynote address. Dr.C.G.Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha (JSS MVP), will preside. Prof. M.H. Dhananjaya, Advisor-TED, JSS MVP and Dr. B.G.Sangameshwara, Vice-Chancellor, JSS Science and Technology University, Mysuru, will be present.

The main objective of the conference is to examine the issues and challenges of financial services; to focus on contemporary issues and challenges in the area of financial markets and so on.

Interested research scholars, academicians and practitioners may contact JSS Centre for Management Studies on Ph: 0821-2548304/4257125/9686677229 or via e-mail:*atjsscmsconference@gmail.com.*

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1. Sale of building is an activity or consideration which is neither a supply of goods nor a supply of services (Para 5 of schedule III of the CGST Act, 2017).
2. It flows from the above facts that, **sale of ready-to-move-in or completed property does not attract GST.** GST is payable only on under construction property as discussed below.

Property for which completion certificate has been issued	Under Construction Property	
	Entire consideration has been paid to the builder before 1st July, 2017	Part consideration has been paid to the builder before 1st July, 2017
No GST is applicable on ready-to-move-in or completed property as per para 5(b) of Schedule II of CGST Act, 2017.	There is no GST payable on such property even if the construction is completed after 1st July, 2017. This transaction will attract Service Tax at the rate of 4.5% because as for the Point of Taxation Rules, 2011 applicable to Service Tax, where the invoice was raised or payment made prior to the appointed date under GST, the point of taxation arose before the appointed day and thus such transaction attracts Service Tax and not GST.	4.5% of Service Tax is applicable on the invoices raised or consideration paid before the 1st July, 2017. However, payment, made by the buyer to the builder on or after 1st July, 2017 against invoices issued on or after 1st July, 2017 shall attract GST @12%.

RATE OF GST

Effective rate of GST payable on purchase of under construction residence or commercial properties from a builder involving transfer of interest in land or individual share of land to the buyer, is 12% with full Input Tax Credit (ITC). [GST payable @ 18% on 2/3rd of the amount for the property; 1/3rd of the amount having been deemed as value of land or undivided share of land supplied to the buyer.]

Consideration which doesn't constitute transfer in land or undivided share of land as part of consideration, such as construction services provided by a sub- contractor to the builder, attracts GST at the standard rate of 18% with full ITC.

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Garbage Woes: Indefinite strike begins

Seers of various Mutts arrive at the Excel Plant to plant tree saplings inside the compound.

BJP leader V. Sreenivasa Prasad is seen addressing the protesters outside the Excel Plant this morning as BJP leaders S.A. Ramdas and C. Basavegowda and others look on.

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As the protests began, officials from the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) led by Health Officer Nagaraj objected to the entry of vehicles inside the treatment plant and he ordered the gates of the plant to be closed.

A verbal duel broke out between the protesters and the MCC officers who were blocking the way. The protesters wanted to plant saplings inside the plant. The air was, however, cleared after the intervention of MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha. Later, the protesters planted a couple of saplings inside the compound.

Shouting slogans "Expel Excel", the protesters, including schoolchildren, demanded a permanent solution the problem. Unbearable stink emanating from the solid waste management plant is proving to be a health hazard and the residents have been suffering from different ailments like nausea, headache and asthma. They said that they have not even opened windows of their houses from many days due to foul smell.

Addressing the gathering, Ramdas said that the Sewage Farm can process 160 tonnes of solid waste per day while the daily generation of the garbage is around 450 tonnes. The excess garbage accumulated at the landfill is estimated at 14 lakh tonne and this is the cause for foul.

"When the BJP government was in power in the State, Rs. 29 crore was spent to tackle the garbage challenge alone. Nine solid waste management units were established in various zones of MCC for decentralising the process and necessary vehicles were procured," he said.

A limit was placed on receiving of garbage at the Sewage Farm at 160 tonne per day. Now, eight out of the nine decentralised centres have stopped functioning. Animal waste, biomedical waste and chemical waste, which have to be separately processed, are mixed with the garbage and dumped into the Sewage Farm illegally, he said.

Former Minister V. Sreenivasa Prasad said that he had come up with a permanent solution to the problem when he was a Minister and even had assured financial assistance to the MCC. "But some vested interests and irresponsible elected representatives told the MCC officers not to pay heed to my suggestions and all the plans went for a toss," he alleged.

Dismissing political gain out of the protests, Prasad said that unlike Congress the BJP was not taking political mileage by organising the protest.

For the record, the Excel Treatment Plant was set up Under JnNURM project in 1996. Solid waste is treated here daily to produce compost.

Former Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Cooperative Bank Chairperson C. Basavegowda, former MLC D. Madegowda, Hosa Mutt Seer Chidananda Swamiji, Kuderu Mutt Seer Gurushantha Swamiji, Neelakanteshwara Mutt Seer Siddalinga Swamy, Japadakatti Mutt Seer Mummadi Chandrashekar Swamiji and Basaveshwara Mutt Seer Shankara Devara Swamiji, BJP leader Kapu Siddalinga Swamy, Corporators B.V. Manjunath, former Dy. Mayor Vanitha Prasanna, Mysore Travel Association President B.S. Prashanth and others were present.

Students of JSS Public School, J.P. Nagar, Maharshi Public School, Vishveshwaranagar, DAV School and JSS College participated.

Excel Plant Row: MP to hold meeting on Dec.16

Mysuru, Dec.14- In order to find a lasting solution to the Excel Waste Treatment Plant row, MP Pratap Simha has convened a meeting at the MCC auditorium at 11 am on Dec.16.

MCC Commissioner, Corporators, Zonal Assistant Commissioners and concerned officials will take part in the meeting.

The members of the public too can attend the meeting and come up with their suggestions.

It may be mentioned here that Simha, accompanied by several BJP leaders had visited the Plant on Dec.9, following which he took measures to spray EM-1 liquid in order to stem the stench emanating from the Plant.

II Phase Gujarat Assembly Polls

Modi waits in queue, votes

Ahmedabad, Dec. 14- Prime Minister Narendra Modi waited in queue to vote at Booth No. 115 at Nishan High School in Ahmedabad's Ranip locality and then walked down the road holding up his inked finger as a big crowd greeted him this morning.

Earlier today, the PM had urged people to vote in large numbers in the second and final phase of the Gujarat Assembly elections. The Prime Minister is the face of BJP's campaign in his home State in what is seen as a contest between him and Rahul Gandhi, who is set to take over as Congress President on Dec. 16.

Many senior BJP leaders including Amit Shah and Arun Jaitley exercised their franchise. PM Modi's mother, 95-year-old Hirabai cast her vote in Gandhinagar.

H.D. Deve Gowda launches 'Kumara Parva' in Nanjangud

Offers puja at Srikanteshwara Temple

Nanjangud, Dec.14 (RS&US)- Former Prime Minister and JD(S) Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda launched 'Kumaraparva,' the campaign to garner support for JD(S) for Assembly polls at the temple town this morning.

Earlier to that, Deve Gowda offered Rudrabhisheka and special puja at Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple here.

He was accompanied by former Mysore University VC And JD(S) candidate from Chamaraja Constituency, MLC K.T. Srikantegowda, District JD(S) President Narasimhaswamy and others.

The JD(S) convention was held at Nandi Convention Hall on Ooty Road.

Obituary

Sr. Donata

Mysuru, Dec.14- Sr. Donata (73), of Avila Convent here, passed away yesterday in city.

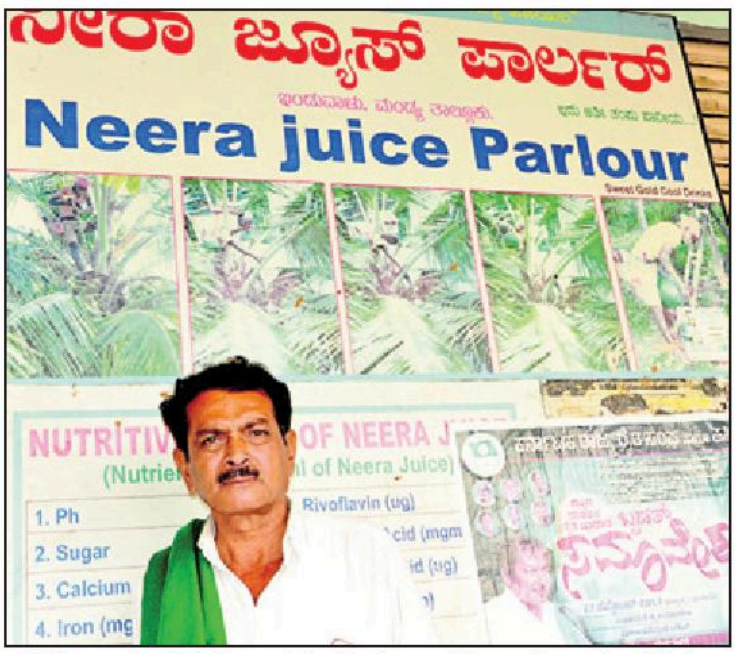
Born on Feb. 6, 1944 at Ernakulam in Kerala, Sr. Donata was the youngest among eight children of Paulose Manapparambil and Marthamma couple. She made her choice to dedicate herself to the Lord at the age of 23 by being a Carmelite Sister of St. Teresa. She made her first profession on Apr. 25, 1969 and the final commitment on Apr. 25, 1976 at Mount Carmel Convent in Bengaluru.

Sr. Donata had served in St. Joseph's Convent, Kalaburagi, St. Paul's at Davangere, St. John the Baptist at Kumta, Nirmala Convent in Mysuru, St. Joseph's in Mandya and Carmel Convent in Mandya. She was a member of the community villa of St. Joseph's at Jettihundi and Christ the King Convent after her retirement and spent 11 years in the Avila community.

Funeral was held today at Divya Krupa in Nagunalli near Mysuru.

Energy drink 'Neera' a hit among Mysuru-Bengaluru road travellers

People throng Neera Juice Parlour near Tubinakere in Mandya district



Siddegowda at his Neera Juice Parlour on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway.

Mandya, Dec.14 - 'Neera' is a highly nutritious health drink gaining popularity all over the world. It is another gift from the coconut tree. However, unlike toddy, Neera has amazing health benefits and no alcohol content.

The State Government, realising the health benefits of this drink, has issued a final gazette notification on Neera policy. The coconut growers of the district are eager to tap the drink after the announcement of the policy.

A farmer leader S. N. Siddegowda has jumped into the bandwagon and opened Neera Juice Parlour on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway near Tubinakere village in Mandya District, which has become a hit with the travellers. They are gulping more than 60 litres of neera every day. Each glass of the energy drink costs Rs.15. The farmers who extract neera before sunrise supply it to Siddegowda.

Why do travellers throng Neera Parlour? It is because of Siddegowda's business acumen. He has displayed a flex board highlighting the health benefits of the drink and its nutritional content. More importantly, to add authenticity to the claim, **he has also displayed a certificate from Mysuru-based Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), which says neera is not an alcoholic drink, but a nutritional one.**

Siddegowda has taken 40 coconut trees on contract at Tubinakere and taps around 100 litres every day. Some of the customers visit the coconut farm directly for neera and the demand picks up during weekends.

According to Siddegowda, the 18-year struggle of the farmers has yielded results with the Government amending the Excise Act and approving tapping of neera. "Tapping neera is the only way to bail out farmers in distress and to protect coconut trees," he said.

Several products can be made from neera like jaggery, concentrate syrup, sweeteners, chocolate, ice-cream and peda. One kg of jaggery can be produced from seven litres of neera. Campco, a Mangaluru-based Cooperative is ready to procure neera jaggery, which is sold at Rs.300 a kg, he said.

Karnataka Government should purchase neera directly from the farmers like in Kerala where its government procures neera from the coconut growers, said Siddegowda.

Health benefits: A study conducted by the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, shows that neera can help cure liver disease. The study proves that neera is particularly useful in treating liver diseases following consumption of alcohol.

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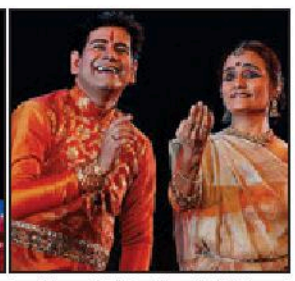

Nandini & Murali Mohan

Pt. Rajeev Taranath

Mysuru, Dec.14 - The long-awaited four-day Parangathotsava-2017, 31st edition of Veterans Classical Music and Dance Festival of National stature under the aegis of Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC) Trust, Mysuru, will be inaugurated by renowned Sarod Maestro **Pt. Rajeev Taranath** at K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana of Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, on Dec.15 at 6 pm.

Rangayana Director Bhagirathi Bai Kadam will be the chief guest. Industrialist and VPAC Trust President K.V. Murthy will preside.

On Dec.15, **Pt. Praveen Godkhindi** will be felicitated and followed by his flute recital.

On Dec.16, **Rudrapatnam Brothers — Vid. R.N. Tharanathan and Vid. R.N. Thyagarajan** — will be felicitated by K.V. Murthy and followed by their Karnatak Vocal recital. Ganabharathi President Dr. C.G. Narasimhan will be the chief guest.

On Dec.17, **Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy** will present solo Bharatanatyam in Vasundhara Bani. Managing Partner of Ganesh Beedi Works-Mysuru Dr. Jagannath Shenoy will be the chief guest.

On Dec.18, **K. Nandini Mehta and K. Murali Mohan** will be felicitated by KSGH Music University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar followed by Kathak Dance by Nandini Mehta and Murali Mohan.

The four-day event, to be held between 6 pm and 9 pm everyday, is by invitation and free for public.

Dr. Rukmini Devi Arundale Award for city danseuse

City danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy (right), who was conferred Dr. Rukmini Devi Arundale Award for her yeomen service to Bharatanatyam, is seen with Padma Bhushan Dr. Padma Subramanian and Ashish Mohan Khokar, Director of Attendance Book Year of the Award, who organised the function at Alliance Française de auditorium in Bengaluru recently.

Music concert by Prashanth tomorrow

Srikrishna Gana Sabha has organised a traditional vocal music concert by **Vid. N.R. Prashanth** on Dec.15 at Alwar Kalabhavan in Gokulam at 6 pm.

He will be accompanied by Vid. H.K. Narasimha Murthy on violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Vid. Sriram Bhat on khanjira.

Profile: Vid. N.R. Prashanth is known for his innovative and explorative approach to creation and expression in music. He has developed a unique style adhering to the traditions of the great art form. Raga purity, discrete and measured use of gamakas, imaginative skills and control over laya are the hallmark of his music.

Prashanth began his tutelage under Vid. R.K. Padmanabha. For a short period, he was under the guidance of Vid. Titte Sri Krishna Iyengar, who was the Asthana Vidwan at Mysore Palace.

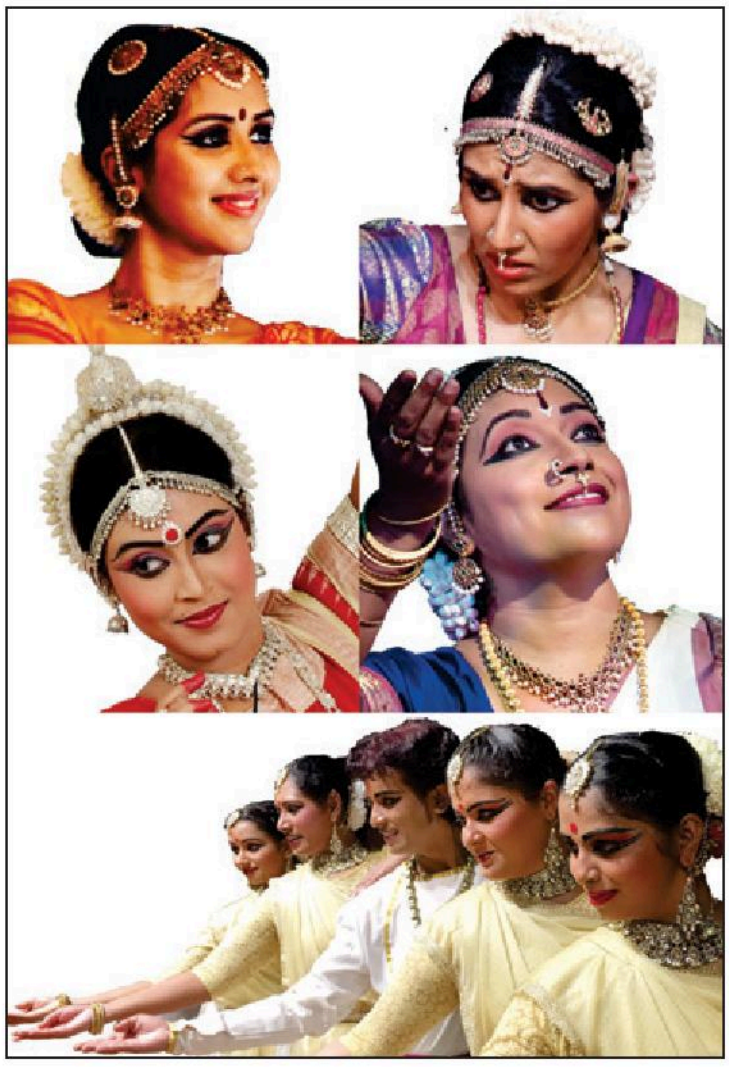
Prashanth started learning from the very popular performer and guru Vidu. Neela Ramgopal who instilled in him a variety of compositions in Sanskrit, Telugu, Kannada and Tamil. Prashanth is currently learning from Prof. R. Visweswaran.

An Engineering Graduate in Instrumentation Technology from the University of Mysore, his flair and devotion to the art has brought out the musician in him. He has performed at prestigious concert platforms in the United Kingdom, Malaysia, Singapore and Australia among others.

Prashanth moved to Singapore in 2001 and joined as a senior faculty of Karnatak Music at The Singapore Indian Fine Arts Society (SIFAS), Singapore. He was later promoted as Principal Tutor and then as Academy Registrar and served till 2016 before returning to India.

He is credited with many awards including 'Best Musician' Award by Bangalore Gayana Samaj, 'Kanakadasa Senior Award' by Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy and 'Aryabhata International Award' by Aryabhata Cultural Organisation, Bengaluru.

Articulate Festival on Dec.17



Articulate Festival, coordinated by Mysore B. Nagaraj, is conducted on the third Sunday of every month at the Premier Convention Hall, Premier Studios, Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru.

Accomplished Indian classical dancers both from India and abroad take part in this festival. On Sunday, 17th December, in its 19th series, artistes are scheduled to perform Kathak, Odissi and Bharathanatyam starting at 6 pm.

Nitya Narasimhan and Sanjana Prasad will perform Bharathnatyam in solo while Suma Rajesh of Spoorthy School of Dance, Bengaluru and her disciples Priyanka Bhargav, G. Sampada and Rachana Gurudath will present in group format.

In a group choreography, Odissi will be presented by Smaranika Jena of Nrutyayana Odissi Dance Academy, Bengaluru, along with her disciples Debashree Panda and Ankita Arpita Mohanty.

Articulate Dance Studios join hands with Niranthara School of Dance, Bengaluru, in presenting Kathak by Somashekar Chudanath, Karthik B. Shetty, Sowmya Somashekar, Yashaswini, Raksha and Akshata Amin.

Workshop on Karnatak music held

Mysuru, Dec.14- Champaka Academy conducted a two-day Karnatak music workshop in city on Dec.9 and 10. More than 20 music students and connoisseurs attended the workshop and gave raving feedback.

Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar taught four compositions of the famous Mysuru composer Sri Yoga Narasimham and Vid. S. Shankar expounded on the nuances of Raga Kamach through four compositions.

Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy and Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao inaugurated the workshop in the presence of art patron K.V. Murthy.

The valedictory was presided over by Dr. R.N. Srilatha and Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy.

On the concluding day, the participants presented the kritis they learnt during the workshop.

Indore to host Ranji Trophy Final

Karnataka to face Vidarbha & Delhi take on Bengal in semi finals

Mumbai, Dec. 14 - The Holkar Stadium in Indore is all set to host the final of the Ranji Trophy of the 2017-18 season.

The final will be played between Dec.29 and Jan. 2. The semi-final matches of the Paytm Ranji Trophy 2017-18 will be played from Dec. 17-21.

First Semi-final between Bengal and Delhi will played at Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium at Pune and the second semi-final between Karantaka and Vidarbha will be played at the Eden Garden in Kolkata.

Defending champions Gujarat were knocked out in the quarter-finals this time by Bengal, who took a first-innings lead in the draw in Jaipur. The other three semi-finalists proceeded with the help of wins in the quarter-finals.

Delhi beat Madhya Pradesh by seven wickets in Vijayawada, Vidarbha romped past Kerala by 412 runs and Karnataka handed 41-time champions Mumbai an innings defeat in Nagpur.

KSCA U-14 Inter-zonal Tournament

Bengaluru Zone gains first innings lead against Mysuru Zone

Bengaluru, Dec.14 - Bengaluru Zone gained the vital first innings points over Mysuru Zone in their two-day drawn encounter in the KSCA Inter-zone U14 Tournament held at Sports Estadio Grounds in Bengaluru which ended on Wednesday.

SCORES

Mysuru Zone 98 in 60.3 overs (A. Abhay Rangan 30, G.R. Abhinandan 24, Chaitanya six for eight, Uttam Aiyappa two for 15) and 81 for one in 37 overs (A. Abhay Rangan 58) drew with Bengaluru Zone 182 for seven in 90 overs (Vikram Kumar 54, Smaran Ramesh 51, Rehan 25, A. Abhay Rangan three for 38, D.N. Dhanush three for 54).

Winners of Open Tennis Tournament

Winners of Open Tennis tournament conducted by the Mysore Tennis Wing at Basudeva Somani College Courts in city recently are seen posing with the prizes and the guests.

Vidyavardhaka B.M. Sri High School emerges overall champs

Vidyavardhaka B.M. Sri High School Athletic Team which emerged as the overall champions in the Inter-School Sarvodaya CBSC U-14 & U-16 Athletic Meet held at Viveka School of Excellence, Sargur in HD Kote recently is seen with the overall championship trophy and school management.

All India Inter-University Athletic Championships 2017

Meghana of UoM wins bronze

Guntur, Dec.14 - Meghana Devang, representing University of Mysore won the bronze medal in the women's shot put event yesterday with a throw of 13.71 mts event in the All India Inter-University Athletic Championships 2017 being held at Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh.

Kiran Baliyan of Chaudhary Charan Singh, Meerut, won the gold with a throw of 14.37 mts while Anamika Das of Mangaluru University, Mangalore, won the silver medal with a throw of 13.85 mts.

Dubai Super Series Finals-2017

Sindhu wins, Srikanth loses opening match

Dubai, Dec. 14- The opening day of the season-ending Dubai Super Series Finals produced mixed results for the Indian shuttlers as Olympian P.V. Sindhu started the event on a winning note against China's He Bingjiao while Kidambi Srikanth received defeat from World No. 1 Viktor Axelsen of Denmark.

In the women's single event, Sindhu defeated Bingjiao 21-11, 16-21, 21-18 in a match, which lasted over 63-minutes. However, in men's singles, fit-again Srikanth went down 21-13, 21-17 against defending champion Axelsen. It was a comeback match for Srikanth, who sustained an injury earlier this month, which forced him to withdraw from China Open and Hong Kong Super Series.

Srikanth had won four Super Series titles in a calendar with the Indonesia Open, Australia Open, Denmark Open and the French Open titles to become the only Indian, and fourth player ever to do so.

City wrestlers excel in State Grappling Championship

*The medal winners are seen with (from left to right) **Sports Authority of Karnataka Vice Chairman Mir Roshan Ali, Kru Vikram, AMMAK officials Prasad Gaitonde and Kevin Alfred.***

Mysuru, Dec. 14- Fifteen grapplers including four female and eleven male from city won 2 gold, 5 silver and 8 bronze medals in various categories at the State level submission wrestling championships held in Bengaluru recently. They are trained under Kru.Vikram at Academy of Martial Science (AMS).

RESULTS

Female: Kavya-Gold, Roohi-Silver, Khumukcham Monica Chanu-Silver, Aishwarya-Silver. **Male:** Darshan-Gold, Faisal Khan-Silver, Rahul Jain-Bronze, H. Sathvik-Bronze, Anand.S-Bronze, Suraj Nagesh-Bronze, Lohith-Bronze, Vinay Kumar-Bronze, H. Sachin-Bronze, Adarsh-Bronze and Madhusudhan- Silver.

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

Train No.	Name	Dep.Mys	Arr.B'lore	DepB'lore	Arr.Mys
22818/22817	Mysore-Howrah Weekly Exp.	12.30 am (Mon)	02.50 am (Mon)	01.00 am (Sun)	03.45 am (Sun)
16217/16218	Mysore-Sainagar Shirdi Weekly Express	05.10 am (Mon)	07.55 am (Mon)	03.30 am (Thu)	06.00am (Thu)
56231/56232	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	05.50 am	09.15 am	09.20 am	12.35 pm
17326/17325	Vishwa Manava Express (Hubballi-Mysuru-Hubballi Daily)	06.10 am	8.55 am	5.45 pm	8.40 pm
16215/16216	Chamundi Express	06.45 am	09.30 am	06.15 pm	09.05 pm
12578/12577	Mysore-Dharbanga Weekly Exp.	07.20 am (Sat)	09.55 am (Sat)	08.55 pm (Thu)	11.30pm(Thu)
16229/16230	Mysore-Varanasi Bi-weekly Exp.	07.20 am (Tue & Thu)	09.55 am	12.15 am (Sun & Tue)	02.50 am (Sun & Tue)
16023/16024	Mysore-Yesvantpur-Malgudi Exp.	08.20 am	11.05 am	01.30 pm	04.15 pm
56281/56282	Chamarajnagar-Bangalore Passenger	09.05 am	12.15 pm	03.30 pm	06.40 pm
12975/12976	Jaipur Express (super fast)	10.20 am (Thursdays & Saturdays)	12.45 pm	01.00 pm (Wednesday & Friday)	03.45 pm

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17307/17308	Mysore-Bagalkot Basava Exp.	01.30 pm	04.30 pm	11.15 am	01.50 pm
12008/12007	Shatabdi-Express (except Wednesdays)	02.15 pm	04.15 pm	11.00 am	01.00 pm
16557/16558	Mysore-Bangalore Rajya Rani Express	02.30 pm	05.10 pm	10.30 am	01.30 pm
56237/56238	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	02.45 pm	06.05 pm	07.00 pm	10.20 pm
16232/16231	Mysore-Mayiladuthurai Express	03.30 pm	06.15 pm	06.00 am	08.40 am
16535/16536	Mysore-Solapur Golgumbaz Exp.	04.00 pm	06.50 pm	08.05 am	11.00 am
16219/16220	Tirupati Express	05.00 pm	08.15 pm	07.30 am	10.30 am
16236/16235	MysoreTuticorn Express	06.00 pm	09.00 pm	07.00 am	9.45 am
16210/16209	Mysore-AjmerMysore Express	06.30 pm (Tuesdays & Thursdays)	09.30 pm	03.30 am (Sundays & Tuesdays)	06.00 am
16592/16591	Mysore-Hubli Hampi Exp.	07.00 pm	09.50 pm	06.20 am	09.15 am
16227/16228	Mysore-Talaguppa-Mysore Exp.	07.40 pm	11.05 pm	04.30 am	08.00 am
22681/22682	Mysore-Chennai Weekly SF Exp	08.10 pm (Wed)	10.45 pm (Wed)	05.40am (Fri)	8.20am(Fri)
16022/16021	Cauvery Express (to Chennai)	08.30 pm	11.25 pm	04.00 am	06.50 am
56263/56264	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	11.55 pm	04.00 am	11.55 pm	04.00 am

TOWARDS NANJANGUD /CHAMARAJNAGAR (Passengers)

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56206/56205	Mysore-Nanjangud	09.00 am	09.50 am(N'gud)	10.15 am(N'gud)	11.10 am
56202/56281	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	05.00 am	06.40 am	07.00 am	09.00 am
56204/56203	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	07.20 am	09.10 am	10.40 am	12.25 pm
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56210/56209	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	12.30 pm	02.15 pm	06.00 pm	07.50 pm
56208/56207	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	02.50 pm	04.40 pm	04.55 pm	06.35 pm
56282/56201	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	06.45 pm	08.35 pm	08.50 pm	10.30 pm

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12781/12782	Mysore-Nizamuddin (New Delhi) Swarna Jayanthi Superfast Weekly Express	08.10 pm	11.05 pm (Friday)	01.40 am	04.55 am (Wed.)
17301/17302	Mysore-Dharwad Express	10.30 pm	01.30 am	03.05 am	07.00 am

		Dep.Mys	Arr. Shimoga	Dep.Shimoga	Arr.Mys
16206/16205	Mysore-Talaguppa Express	06.00 am	10.53 am	04.40 pm	10.15 pm
56276/56275	Mysore-Shimoga Passenger	01.10 pm	07.20 pm	07.50 am	02.30 pm

TOWARDS BANGALORE/ MANGALORE

		Dep.	Arr.
16523/17	MysoreKarwar/Kannur Express	11.30 pm (Mys.)	2.00 pm (Kar)
16524/18	Karwar/KannurMysore Express	02.40 pm (Kar)	5.15 am (Mys) 5.30 am leaves for Bangalore

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Award-winning scribes feted by MDJA

Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) had organised a programme at its premises in city yesterday to felicitate award-winning scribes. The journalists *— (sitting from left) Star of Mysore* ***Chief Reporter S.T. Ravi Kumar (District Rajyotsava award winner),*** *Kannada Prabha* ***Photographer M.S. Basavanna (Karnataka Media Academy Award and District Rajyotsava award recipient),*** *Vijayavani* ***Senior Sub-Editor J. Shivanna (Karnataka Media Academy Awardee) and*** *Vijaya Karnataka* ***Chief Reporter Kudli Gururaj (District Rajyotsava awardee) — who were felicitated are seen with MDJA Treasurer L.G. Dakshinamurthy, City Vice-President M. Subramanya, General Secretary K.J. Lokesh Babu, MUDA Chairman D. Dhruvakumar, MDJA President C.K. Mahendra and Secretary B. Raghavandra.***

Workshop on Economics held

Mysuru, Dec.14 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that the essence of Commerce lies in Economics, former University of Mysore (UoM) Economics faculty Prof. K.C. Basavaraju has regretted the efforts being made to sideline Economics by projecting Commerce as the sole tool of development.

He was speaking after Inaugurating an Educational Workshop on 'Economics' organised under the aegis of Karnataka State PU College Economics Lectures and Principals Forum at Maharaja's PU College on JLB Road here recently.

Pointing out that the importance of Economics came to limelight when America underwent an Economic crisis recently, Prof. Basavaraju highlighted the role of Economics in building many development models across the world.

Nothing that Nobel Prize for Economics was introduced in 1969 after realising the role of Economics in the global scenario, he stressed on the need for educating students on the basics of Economics at an young age so that they can understand the subject much better in their future academic career.

Forum President Shivegowda too spoke. An exam guide on Economics for first PU students was released on the occasion. DDPUE Shyamala presided.

Maharaja's PU College Principal Siddaraju, Forum Office-bearers A.S Poornesha, Nagegowda and others where present.

Human Rights Day

'Violation of human rights should be dealt seriously'

Mysuru, Dec.14 (US&MTY)- Marking Human Rights Day, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) and Human Rights Service Committee together had organised a function recently at Town Hall here.

Inaugurating the programme, Principal District and Sessions Judge P.G.M. Patil said that the Indian Constitution had formulated 30 Fundamental Human Rights which should be made aware among people.

He regretted that despite the Constitutional Rights, cases of violation have been happening which should be seriously dealt. He further said that such cases should be immediately brought to the notice of the DLSA.

Speaking on the occasion, DLSA Members-Secretary C.G. Mohammad Muzirullah said that DLSA would offer free legal assistance to women. He asked organisations not to provide wrong informations to public on human rights but instead seek the assistance of DLSA.

P.G.M. Patil

Human Rights Service Committee Chairman Kasturi Chandra presided. Additional DC T. Yogesh, DDPI Manjula, Employment Exchange Officer Vishwanath Bharani and others were present.

Job mela

A job mela was also organised on the occasion where about 20 Companies participated.

Paresh Mesta killing

BJP demands NIA probe

Yuva Morcha stages protest

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (PM&DM)- Alleging that 21 activists of various Hindu outfits have been killed in the past few years, the BJP has demanded a NIA or CBI probe into the killings.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, City BJP President Dr. B.H. Manjunath said that Hindu activists were being targeted by anti-national outfits ever since the Congress came to power in the State four-and-a-half-years ago.

Accusing the Congress Government of doing little to nab the culprits, he said that the Government should order a NIA or CBI probe into the killings in order to unearth the truth.

Alleging that Hindu activist Paresh Mesta was kidnapped and murdered in Honnavar, Dr. Manjunath alleged that Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has not issued a statement about Paresh's death. Holding Police negligence as responsible for Paresh's death, he demanded that organisations such as Popular Front of India (PFA) be banned.

Accusing the Congress of vote bank politics, he claimed that following the killings, the Hindus have been living in a state of insecurity. He further alleged that the Government was attempting to cover up Paresh Mesta's death by tampering the post-mortem report.

BJP leaders H.V. Rajeev, M.P. Rajesh, Satish, Phanish, Prabhakar Shinde, Mahesh Raje Urs, J. Jayanth and others were present during the press meet.

Yuva Morcha stages demo

Seeking NIA probe into the killing of Hindu activists, BJP Yuva Morcha staged a demonstration at Agrahara Circle in city yesterday. The protesters who brought a buffalo along with them, alleged that more than 20 Hindu activists from across the State have been murdered in the past few years. But the ruling Congress had failed to nab the killers in most of the cases, they alleged. Accusing the Government of trying to tamper slain Paresh Mesta's post-mortem report, they alleged that the Govt. was protecting the killers.

Questioning the 'so-called intellectuals' silence over the killing of Paresh, they demanded appropriate compensation to the family of the deceased.

Operation Cheetah

3,793 cases booked, Rs. 4,23,600 fine collected

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (KS)- The Mysuru City Traffic Police, along with civil Police, who conducted 'Operation Cheetah,' a drive against traffic rules violators on Dec.12 from 12 noon to 3 pm on prominent roads in city, have booked a total of 3,793 cases against traffic rules offenders and have collected Rs. 4,23,600 fines from them.

The Police, who conducted a drive against those riding and driving vehicles under the influence of alcohol on the same day from 8.30 pm to 12.30 am, have booked 51 cases against the offenders.

The Police have recommended suspension of Driving Licenses (DL) of the offenders.

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ನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನ, 14ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಮತ್ತು 7.25 ಅನುದಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಒಟ್ಟು 24 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖದನ್ವಯ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಮುಂದುವರೆದು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಹೆಸರು, ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನಿತರೆ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **11-12-2017** ರ ನಂತರ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ತಮ್ಮ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **21-12-2017** ಹಾಗೂ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **22-12-2017** ಇನ್ನಿತರೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ (ಪ) ಕಚೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಪ)
ಮೈ.ನ.ಪಾ., ಮೈಸೂರು.

An appeal to stand united

Karnataka has a long and rich legacy of fostering equality, diversity and social harmony. This is the land that has nurtured heterogenous cultures, castes, creeds, religions and languages. This is the land that has birthed great thinkers and social reformers like Basavanna. Social harmony is writ large in the hearts of our people, and in the grain of our land. As Kannadigas, we bear the huge responsibility of protecting and furthering the progressive ethos of this land - the ethos that has been shaped by our forefathers, the ethos that continues to shape us, and make us who we are.

It is therefore a matter of great concern that communal elements are now attempting to disturb the social harmony intrinsic to our land. Backed by larger organisations, these elements are trying to divide people on the basis of the very diversities that make us Kannadigas. The innocence and vulnerabilities of our people are being misused by communal elements for narrow political gain.

No religion in the world propagates prejudice and hatred towards other religions. No religion speaks the language of hate or spite. The language of every religion is the language of love, peace and universal harmony. I believe religion must foster in us the virtue of self introspection and transformation, and not ill feelings towards other communities.

Secularism is deeply ingrained in the soil of Karnataka, that has been nurtured by the likes of Basavanna, among other great saints, thinkers and reformers. Our commitment to secular ideals defines us as a state and people. It is this commitment that is sure to trump every communal attempt to divide us. Towards this, I call upon all progressive forces to come together and safeguard the very idea of Karnataka. I look to you, the people of Karnataka - for strength and support, in our collective effort to build a society grounded in universal human values. I am confident that the conscious citizenry of Karnataka will not succumb to malicious and communal politics.

The Government of Karnataka takes serious note of every provocation to divide, spew hatred and stir violence among people. In this regard, the Government is also monitoring the spread of false news, which attempts to provoke and polarise. I appeal to the citizens not to succumb to any such provocative messages being spread in social media. The Government and the people of this land, will not tolerate any attempt to tamper with our secular and inclusive heritage.

As Chief Minister, the Constitution of India is my first religion, and the Constitutional values of equality, patriotism and secularism, my guiding principles. Those individuals and organisations who do not respect the law of the land, who go against the Constitutional aspirations, and try to divide society on the lines of caste and religion - will be dealt with stemly by the Government. However, it is the ideological opposition from the people of Karnataka that will cause their ultimate falling.

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It shall be the duty of every citizen of India to strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity, so that the nation constantly rises to higher levels of endeavour and achievement.

17 convicts released from City Central Jail for good conduct

MLA Vasu presenting release certificate to a prisoner at the Mysuru Central Prison premises in city yesterday as ZP President Nayeema Sulthana, Historian Prof. Nanjaraje Urs and others look on. Picture right shows the released prisoners walking out of the prison.

Mysuru, Dec.14 (YDS&NNN)- Though the occasion was sombre, there was palpable joy on many faces in the Mysuru Central Prison as the convicts released for good conduct hugged their family members present as tears rolled down their cheeks.

The State Government usually releases prisoners for good conduct during Independence Day and Republic Day celebrations. However, this time it has released 17 convicts including a few serving life term before the expiry of their sentence period.

The Prison Department based on the direction from the State Government had passed orders on Dec.8 to the Prison authorities of the Mysuru Central Prison to release eligible prisoners.

Accordingly, MLA Vasu presented release certificates to 15 male prisoners who had served 14 years jail sentence. Another two male prisoners, one of who was 65 years old and served 12 years sentence and pardoned for good conduct were also released.

Speaking on the occasion Vasu said, "You were in jail for lack of witnesses or because of the circumstances and also for the crime committed. But because of your good conduct the Government thought it fit to release you people. You should forget the bitter experience in the jail and start a new life in the outside world and lead a normal life like everyone."

He said that everyone was equal in the eyes of the law and it works strictly according to rules laid down. Hence, all of us have responsibility to function within the confines of the Law. "While leaving the jail, one should always say I am going and not say I am going and coming back," he said.

Reacting to the charge of Prof. Nanjaraje Urs that the prisoners once released were being denied loans, Vasu said that the banks couldn't reject the applications saying it cannot extend the loan facility. "If the banks reject then approach the local MLA. For instance if a released prisoner is from the Chamaraja constituency which I represent, I will see that you will get loan and if there is a legal hurdle then I will pay Rs.25,000 from my pocket," he said.

S.D. Ravikumar, a released convict sharing his experience said that he had to pay the price for committing a mistake and being punished for it by being imprisoned. This has thought all of us big lessons in life. "What we have suffered our family members should not suffer," he said emotionally. "The parents always hope that their children will shelter them in their old age. However, we have betrayed them. We will not repeat the mistake again.

Zilla Panchayat President Nayeema Sultana Nazeer Ahmed, Additional Deputy Commissioner Yogesh, District Surgeon Dr. M. Pashupati, Corporator Suhail Baig, Advocate H.S. Yashoda, Jail Superintendent K.C. Diyashree, Assistant Superintendent M.R. Satish and others were present. Convict J. Venkatesh sang the invocation.

Following are the names of the convicts released: Mysuru District Nanjangud Taluk's Bokkalli Soma, Kodagu District Somwarpet Taluk Kallalli resident K. Srinivas, Chamarajanagar District, Kollegal Taluk Madhuvanahalli resident Siddappa, Gundlupet resident Sukka, Hassan Taluk Araseehalli resident Ravi, Kushalnagar Hobli Guddehosuru resident Soligara Sannappa, T. Narasipura Taluk Ketupura residents Boregowda, T. Swamy, Krishnegowda, Dakshina Kannada District Puttur Taluk Manjotekere resident Suresh, Hassan District Beluru Taluk Gendehalli resident S.D. Ravikumar, Arakalgudu Taluk Mallipattana Hobli Parasanahalli resident Puttegowda, Nanjangud Taluk Kalale resident Hanumanthanayaka, Sakaleshpura Taluk Kalganimajare resident K.S. Delex, Mysuru Kesare resident Imran, Somawarpet Taluk Bembaluru resident B.B. Lokesh and Virajpet Taluk Anekavadi resident J.K. Mooga.

"As I was released for good conduct, I feel I am reborn. I will try to build a new life in the same place where I lost it. I will proudly say that I have not completed my term serving the sentence but I was released for good conduct."

—***Siddappa,*** released convict

"On the one hand I am very happy that I am released but when I look at the condition of the prisoners I feel very sad. Prisoners who have been living in the jail for many years with deteriorating health and old age must be released. The government should take action in this direction."

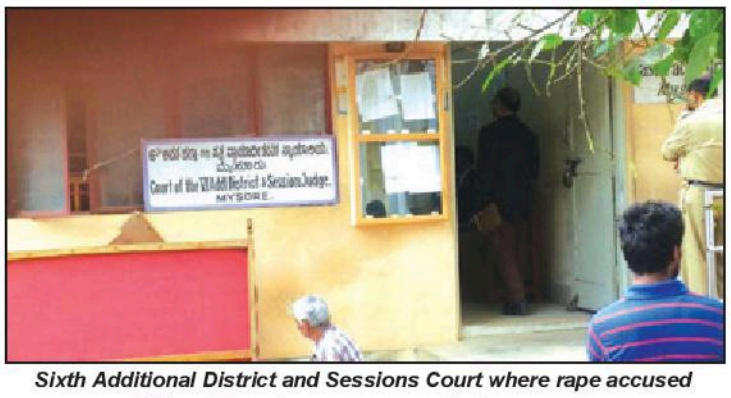
—***B. Lokesh,*** released convict.

Rape accused dodges judgement day six times!

Sixth Additional District and Sessions Judge now reserves verdict for Dec. 16

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (RK&BCT)- While it is normal for any accused in a criminal case to wait for the trial to complete and the judgement to be delivered, here is a unique case where the Judge has to wait for the accused to pronounce his verdict. The accused in this case has successfully dodged the Court six times though the Judge has passed stringent orders to the Police to produce him before the Court.

The accused is K.J. Mahesh Gowda who had projected himself as an influential person by posting photos with senior Police officers on his facebook page. Mahesh was accused of raping a minor who had delivered a child and even the DNA tests have proved that it is Mahesh's child.



Sixth Additional District and Sessions Court where rape accused Mahesh Gowda was supposed to be present.

The case is being heard by Sixth Additional District and Sessions Court Judge Vijayakumar M. Pauthi and the trial has been completed. The accused was asked to be produced yesterday (Dec. 13) but he stayed away from the Court.

The rape case was reported in 2014 and Mahesh faces charges under provisions of the IPC and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act. Vidyaranyapuram Police had filed a chargesheet against him. In her statement, the victim told the Police that Mahesh, then 28-years-old, repeatedly raped her and her parents encouraged it as he was bailing out the family financially.

The case is in its final stage and the judgment was first reserved for Nov. 23 but his counsel petitioned the Court that his client could not attend the hearing because he was hospitalised in Bengaluru. The Court adjourned the hearing to Nov. 29 but Mahesh and counsel didn't turn up.

Subsequently, a warrant was issued after posting the hearing to Dec. 4. Police were asked to produce him before the Court. However, Mahesh remained absconding. The judgment was again deferred to Dec. 6 after the Court directed Cops to produce him but Police failed as his whereabouts are not known. The Court had adjourned the judgment to Dec. 11 and the judge gave oral orders to KR ACP Dharmappa asking him to produce Mahesh.

As Mahesh failed to appear and even the Police failed to arrest him, the case was again adjourned to Dec.13. Special Public Prosecutor Shivarudra Swamy said that the Judge even telephoned City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeshwara Rao directing him to arrest Mahesh and produce him before the Court.

"Despite this, the counsel for the accused Bikkannanavar and Shivaswamy did not produce their client before the Court," Shivarudra Swamy said and added that the Court has adjourned the case to Dec. 16.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Mr. Perfect	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Moodayana	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
College Kumar	Woodlands	2422871	2 Shows
Smuggler	Woodlands	2422871	2 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Anveshi	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Women's Day	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
H Yarige	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Mufti	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Bharjari	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
HINDI			
Fukrey Returns	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Game Over	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Dirty Dancer	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Kodiveeran	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Oxygen	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Sapthagiri LLB	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Jawaan	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

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Fukrey Returns (H)	(S-1)	10.50 am, 4.30 pm
		7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Kodiveeran (Ta)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
Thor: Ragnarok (E-3D)	(S-2)	11.00 am, 1.45 pm
Richie (Ta)	(S-2)	4.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Coco (E-3D)	(S-3)	11.15 am
Tumhari Sulu (H)	(S-3)	1.45 pm, 4.45 pm
Wonder (E)	(S-3)	7.30 pm
Mufti (K)	(S-4)	10.20 am, 1.10 pm
		4.05 pm, 7.00 pm
		9.55 pm

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Mufti (K)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 12.55 pm
		3.55 pm, 6.55 pm
		9.55 pm
	(S-3)	12.00 pm, 3.00 pm, 9.00
	(S-4)	11.10 am
Fukrey Returns (H)	(S-1)	10.00 am, 12.55 pm, 3.50
		6.45 pm, 9.40 pm
	(S-3)	6.05 pm
Richie (Ta)	(S-3)	9.50 am
	(S-4)	7.30 pm
Kodiveeran (Ta)	(S-4)	9.50 pm
Women's Day (K)	(S-4)	2.10 pm
Mr. Perfect (K)	(S-4)	4.50 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

TV TONIGHT

7:00 pm Jeet Gayi to Piyaa Morey	7:00 pm Tu Sooraj Main Saanjh Piyaji	7:30 pm Mere Sai
7:30 Aisi Deewangi...	7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein	8:00 Vighnaharta Ganesh
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mahek	8:00 Rishton Ka Chakravyuh	8:30 Porus
8:30 Piya Albela	8:30 Ikyawann	9:00 Rishta Likhenge Hum Naya
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya	9:00 Naamkarann	9:30 Haasil
9:30 Kundali Bhagya	9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	10:00 Ek Deewana Tha
		10:30 Yeh Un Dinon Ki Baat Hai
6:00 pm Bear Grylls	8:30 pm Badminton Unlimited	6:00 pm The Long Road Home
6:30 Savage Family Diggers	9:00 Match Point : India vs. Sri Lanka ODI	7:00 Mega Factories
7:00 How It's Made	9:30 Sri Lanka Tour of India 2016 H/	8:00 Animal Fight Club
7:30 Fail Army	10:00 Sri Lanka Tour of India 2016 H/s	9:00 Body Hack : Hadza
8:00 Wild Frank in Africa	10:30 England Tour of India 2016 H/ls	10:00 The Great Human Race : Dawn
9:00 Fast N' Loud	11:00 ISL Weekly	11:00 Primal Survivor
10:00 Man Vs. Wild		
6:30 pm Oggy & the Cockroaches	7:00 pm Mahaganapathi	7:00 pm Kaveri
7:00 Masti Travels	7:30 Ennu Swantham Jaani	7:30 Avalu
8:30 Oggy & the Cockroaches	8:00 Naga Kanyaka	8:00 Nandini
9:00 Teen Titans Go	8:30 Shaneeswaran	9:00 Jeevanadhi
9:30 Horrid Henry	9:00 Nandini	9:30 Doddamane Sose
10:00 Ben 10	9:30 Ayalathe Sundari	10:00 Sarayoo
	10:00 Premam	10:30 Udaya Singer Junior

MOVIES TONIGHT

4:02 pm **Chinese Zodiac**	4:04 pm **The Hobbit**	5:32 pm **Capture the Flag**
6:36 **I, Robot**	7:10 **Collateral Beauty**	7:09 **Project A**
9:00 **Independence Day**	9:00 **Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them**	9:01 **Forrest Gump**
11:32 **A White Snake's Revenge**		11:22 **Wrecker**
4:55 pm **King Kong**	4:22 pm **Singam 3**	4:00 pm **Man on Mission**
8:55 **Tadakha**	7:30 **Zee Cine Awards 2017**	7:00 **Teleshopping**
11:50 **Dum**	8:00 **Bruce Lee The Fighter**	8:30 **Do Ankhen Barah Hath**
	10:51 **Jigarwala No. 1**	
5:15 pm **Battleship**	4:00 pm **Parasangada Gendethimma**	4:36 pm **Dhruva**
8:00 **Jurassic Park**	7:00 **Malla**	7:55 **Jolly LLB 2**
10:49 **Jurassic Park III**	10:00 **Barjari Bete**	10:57 **Wanted**

EVENTS TODAY (DEC.14)

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita' by Pt. Sri Badarayanacharya, Samiti premises, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Children's Literary Club, Mysuru: Talk on 'Imagination on the Run: Children Enact Scenes from Select Stories' - co-ordinated by Club Director Dr. R. Purnima, Government Girls Hostel, Adi Pampa Road, V.V. Mohalla, **5 pm.**

Muzurai Department, Government of Karnataka: Sughama Sangeetha by B.S. Rao Ganavrunda, **5.30 pm;** Devotional song by Sumanthasindhu Kalapratishtana troupe, **6.30 pm;** Shri Sitarama, Lakshmana, Hanumanta Devara Uyyalotsava, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, **7 pm.**

PGL Samsmarana Vedike: Karnatak music - vocal concert by Vidu. A. Vasudha Keshav, accompanied by Vid. Achyutha Rao on violin, Vid. C. Cheluvaraju on mridanga and Vid. Gurumurthy on ghata; felicitation to Vid. T. P. Vaidyanathan, a Senior artiste from Mysuru, Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Durga Sapthashati,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru: National Energy Conservation Day, Rachana Energy Care Director Anil Kumar guest speaker, IEI Mysuru Chairman M. Chinnaswamy presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Sampurna Srimadramayana Discourse Series by Dr. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas College Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 8.15 pm.**

Rotary Children's Library Association (RCLA): Valedictory of the Diamond Jubilee celebration of the Association, noted businessman Chandra Gupta Jain delivers a talk on 'The inner values of life,' Rotary Hall, beside Mandovi Motors, KRS Road, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC.15)

JSS Institute of Speech and Hearing and JSS Law College: Inauguration of Seminar on 'Laws and Facilities Available to Differently Abled,' District Disabled Welfare Officer (DDWO) - Mysuru N. Geetha chief guest, JSS Law College Chief Executive Prof. K.S. Suresh guest of honour, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Medical Education Division Director (in-Charge) R. Mahesh presides, Sri Rajendra Bhavan, M.G. Road, **9.30 am.**

Vikala Vikaasa: World Disabled Day, NAB Blind and Deaf ITI, felicitation to disabled State-level awardees by MUDA Chairman D. Dhruvakumar, ZP President Nayeema Sulthana inaugurates, C-177-178, Yadavagiri Industrial Area, Yadavagiri, **11 am.**

Mysuru Sahitya mattu Samskrutika Pratishtana: Kannada Rajyotsava, Children's Day and 10th anniversary of Pratishtana, Book release — M.B. Santosh's 'Taliru Torana' and C. Vaani Raghavendra's 'Bhavada Alegala Sammilana' — Bharatanatyam and Award Presentation Ceremony, Sri Nimishamba Dance School Founder Vid. Shridhar Jain inaugurates, Ganabharathi, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **4 pm.**

Teresian School: Parents' Day celebration-2017, Rev. Dr. Sr. Juanita, Provisional Superior, Karnataka Province, presides, Manjula, Dy. Director, Department of Public Instruction, chief guest, K.S. Prakash, BEO (South Zone), Mysuru, Mahadevamma, former Dy. Mayor, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), C.S. Rajini Annaiah, Corporator, Ward-56, MCC and Rev. Sr. Anjali, Manager, Teresian Institutions, guests of honour, Teresian College Ground, **4.30 pm.**

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Muzurai Department, Government of Karnataka: Shri Sitharamara Kalyana Mahotsav, cultural programmes, Thirthasnana and Avabruthasnana for Sri Sitarama Lakshmana Hanumanta, Bhajans by Rajarajeshwari Bhajana Mandali, Ramakrishnanagar, **5.30 pm;** Sugama Sangeetha by Poorvaj Vishwanath and troupe, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, **6.30 pm.**

Chaitra High School & PU College, Srirampura 2nd Stage: Chaitrotsava (2017-18), DDPI Manjula chief guest, Chaitra Educational Institutions Chairman S. Gururaj presides, Jaganmohan Palace, **5.30 pm.**

Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC) Trust: Parangathotsava-2017, 31st edition of Veterans Classical Music and Dance Festival of National stature, renowned Sarod Maestro Pt. Rajeev Taranath inaugurates, Rangayana Director Bhagirathi Bai Kadam chief guest, Industrialist and VPAC Trust President K.V. Murthy presides, felicitation to Pt. Praveen Godkhindi followed by his flute recital, Sri Vasudevacharya Bhavana, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm to 9 pm.**

Srikrishna Gana Sabha: Traditional vocal music concert by Vid. N.R. Prashanth, accompanied by Vid. H.K. Narasimha Murthy on violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Vid. Sriram Bhat on kanjira, Alwar Kalabhavan, Gokulam, **6 pm.**

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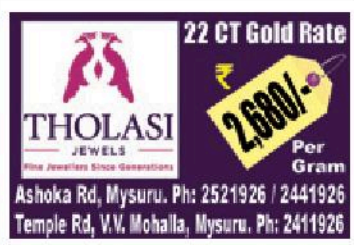

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